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SUBJECT: MBFR/CSCE: FRG REPORT ON CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S DISCUSSIONS
IN MOSCOW

REF: MOSCOW 16650; BONN 17186

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AT THE NOV 4 AD HOC GROUP MEETING,
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FRG REP (BEHREND) REPORTED BRIEFLY ON DISCUSSIONS OF

MBFR AND CSCE DURING CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW, SUPPLEMENTING SOMEWHAT THE REFTEL REPORTS. FRG REP'S REPORT FOLLOWS. END SUMMARY.

2. MBFR. ACCORDING TO BEHREND'S, BOTH SIDES KEPT TO THEIR WELL-KNOWN POSITIONS ON MBFR, WITH THE SOVIETS REVEALING NO NEW IDEAS OR ARGUMENTS. AS REPORTED IN REFTELS, THE SOVIETS DID SAY THAT CONCLUSION OF CSCE COULD FACILITATE PROGRESS IN MBFR. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS BY THE CANADIAN REP (GRANDE) AND UK REP (ROSE), BEHREND'S SAID THAT HE HAD NO INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER THE SOVIETS HAD MADE ANY MENTION OF THEIR OCT 15 INITIAL REDUCTION STEP PROPOSAL BUT THAT HE WOULD TRY TO FIND OUT AND INFORM THE GROUP. BOTH GRANDE AND ROSE SAID THIS WAS AN IMPORTANT QUESTION AS IT WOULD TEND TO INDICATE HOW MUCH IMPORTANCE SOVIET LEADERS ATTACHED TO THE EASTERN FIRST STEP PROPOSAL.

3. CSCE. BEHREND'S REPORTED THAT CSCE WAS DISCUSSED IN GREATER DETAIL THAN MBFR. THE SOVIETS PRESSED FOR ACCELERATION OF THE CSCE NEGOTIATING PACE AND FOR THE EARLY CONVENING OF STAGE III AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. THE SOVIETS EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS WITH THE WESTERN POSITION ON PEACEFUL CHANGE, CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES (CBMS), AND, LESS POINTEDLY, ON BASKET III. ON PEACEFUL CHANGE, GROMYKO WITHDREW THE FORMULA HE HIMSELF HAD PREVIOUSLY ADVANCED AND INSISTED INSTEAD ON THE WEAKER FORMULA PUT FORWARD BY THE SOVIETS IN GENEVA. GROMYKO SAID NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS ISSUE WOULD BE CONTINUED IN GENEVA. GROMYKO ALSO INSISTED ON STRICT OBSERVANCE OF BASKET I PRINCIPLES, A POSITION REJECTED BY THE FRG.

4. CBMS. BEHREND'S SAID BOTH SIDES ADVANCED THEIR WELL-KNOWN POSITIONS ON MOVEMENTS CBM. BREZHNEV SAID HE HAD INITIATED THE IDEA OF EXCHANGE OF OBSERVERS AT MANEUVERS DURING A MEETING WITH POMPIDOU BUT THAT THE CBM SUBJECT MATTER HAD NOW ACQUIRED PROPORTIONS WHICH HE DID NOT LIKE AT ALL. BREZHNEV CONTINUED THAT SOME DELEGATIONS

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AT GENEVA WERE USING CBM'S TO TRY TO BREAK DOWN OR SLOW DOWN CSCE. BEHREND'S SAID THE GERMANS REPLIED BY STRESSING REPEATEDLY THE IMPORTANCE OF REACHING COMPROMISE SOLUTION TO CSCE ISSUES. RESOR

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